



Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)
Child Care Subsidy Monthly Report

The following report reflects information contained in the Child Care Data System (CCDS) administered by the DESE Office of Childhood. Unless otherwise noted, data consists of un-duplicated counts of children and families participating in the subsidy program for the identified month.
Database as of April 9, 2025.

March 2025

SECTION 1: CHILD CARE HOUSEHOLD APPLICATIONS

*The status reflects the action that was taken during the month indicated.

		March 2025	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Submitted		3,782	18.4%	-5.3%
Approved		2,774	11.0%	5.2%
Rejected		1,207	-6.9%	-6.9%
Pending	15 Days or Less	586		
	More Than 15 Days	15		
Total Pending		601		

SECTION 2: NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS AND CHILDREN APPROVED FOR SUBSIDY

		March 2025	February 2025	January 2025	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Approved Households	Income	17,511	17,027	16,606	2.8%	5.4%
	Protective Services	3,904	3,793	3,654	2.9%	6.8%
	Total	21,411	20,816	20,256	2.9%	5.7%
Approved Children	Income	26,829	26,703	27,047	0.5%	-0.8%
	Protective Services	6,691	6,700	6,827	-0.1%	-2.0%
	Total	33,471	33,352	33,824	0.4%	-1.0%

SECTION 3: CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PAYMENTS

		March 2025	February 2025	January 2025	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Children Served	Income	19,101	18,491	17,604	3.3%	8.5%
	Protective Services	4,584	4,473	4,426	2.5%	3.6%
	Total	23,678	22,951	22,020	3.2%	7.5%
Payments		\$20,180,664	\$20,767,428	\$19,710,593	-2.8%	2.4%
Average Payment Per Child		\$852	\$905	\$895	-5.8%	-4.8%

SECTION 4: TRANSITIONAL CHILD CARE SUMMARY

	Level 1 (151-185% FPL)			Level 2 (186-215% FPL)			Level 3 (216-242% FPL)		
	March 2025	February 2025	January 2025	March 2025	February 2025	January 2025	March 2025	February 2025	January 2025
Approved Households	422	363	285	127	105	69	43	34	20
Children Served	695	623	552	185	170	133	59	49	39
Payments	\$495,658.55	\$472,582.12	\$402,097.47	\$136,028.70	\$126,570.06	\$108,438.18	\$37,309.29	\$38,166.34	\$29,653.07
Average Payment per Household	\$321	\$311	\$300	\$316	\$313	\$316	\$336	\$359	\$344
Average Payment per Child	\$320	\$321	\$325	\$341	\$348	\$340	\$361	\$374	\$393

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SECTION 5: CHILDREN SERVED BY AGE

	Children Served March 2025	Payments March 2025
Under Age 1	1,084	\$1,506,741
AGE 1	2,699	\$4,157,722
AGE 2	3,578	\$3,620,338
AGE 3	3,925	\$3,076,354
AGE 4	3,599	\$2,866,143
AGE 5	2,702	\$1,874,381
AGE 6	1,443	\$741,581
AGE 7	1,217	\$598,711
AGE 8	1,008	\$499,152
AGE 9	838	\$421,869
AGE 10	631	\$312,276
AGE 11	494	\$256,873
AGE 12	318	\$168,355
AGE 13	112	\$57,387
Age 14 and Over	30	\$21,146
Total	23,678	\$1,634
		\$20,180,664

SECTION 6: APPLICATIONS BY STATUS AND REGION

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*The status reflects the action that was taken during the month indicated.

	Applications Received	Applications Approved	Applications Rejected	Percent Rejected	Total Resolved	15 Days or Less	More Than 15 Days	Percent Over 15 Days
Cape Girardeau	262	187	119	25.9%	306	36	0	0.0%
Columbia	142	111	62	24.0%	173	21	1	4.5%
Jefferson City	188	110	89	29.5%	199	32	1	3.0%
Macon	90	48	36	25.9%	84	16	0	0.0%
Not Selected	1,303	1,164	182	9.3%	1,346	169	6	3.4%
Raytown	583	396	226	24.1%	622	100	2	2.0%
Springfield	318	181	137	26.1%	318	61	1	1.6%
St. Louis	896	577	356	25.1%	933	151	4	2.6%
Total	3,782	2,774	1,207	20.1%	3,981	586	15	2.5%

SECTION 7: REASON FOR CARE FOR APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS BY REGION

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Region	Education	Employment	Homeless	Incapacitated Parent	Job Search	Not Available	Protective Services	Special Need	Training	Grand Total
Cape Girardeau	149	1,399	25	8	312	91	663	23	10	2,487
Columbia	98	710	32	7	187	69	280	8	17	1,276
Jefferson City	74	810	13	7	219	81	408	8	14	1,532
Macon	39	363	6	2	78	22	189	4	3	661
Not Selected	379	3,020	72	7	789	207	823	34	83	4,448
Raytown	433	2,503	168	13	920	241	758	35	102	4,651
Springfield	183	1,356	43	3	347	99	662	22	18	2,529
St. Louis	804	4,922	306	43	1,431	522	962	75	151	8,263
Total	1,779	12,050	615	83	3,487	1,125	3,931	175	314	21,411

SECTION 8: REASON FOR CARE FOR APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS AND CHILDREN

	Households			Children		
	March 2025	February 2025	January 2025	March 2025	February 2025	January 2025
Education	1,779	1,718	1,645	2,901	2,903	2,921
Employment	12,050	11,601	11,250	20,735	20,633	20,889
Homeless	615	576	521	820	784	728
Incapacitated Parent	83	77	71	130	124	118
Job Search	3,487	3,416	3,317	2,881	2,764	2,819
Not Available	1,125	1,162	1,174	2,290	2,395	2,459
Protective Services	3,931	3,820	3,677	6,737	6,746	6,874
Special Need	175	169	152	264	254	254
Training	314	305	288	505	504	507
Total	21,411	20,816	20,256	33,471	33,352	33,824

SECTION 9: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED CHILDREN BY RACE

	March 2025	February 2025	January 2025
African American (Black)	15,838	15,765	15,979
American/Alaskan Native	295	293	289
Asian	89	97	94
Caucasian (White)	12,538	12,521	12,714
Multi-Racial	3,526	3,506	3,467
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	57	56	62
Other	545	535	620
Prefer not to answer	615	620	624
Unknown	6	6	26
Total	33,471	33,352	33,824

SECTION 10: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED CHILDREN BY ETHNICITY

	March 2025	February 2025	January 2025
Hispanic	5.9%	5.9%	5.7%
Non-Hispanic	90.6%	90.6%	90.5%
Prefer not to answer	3.6%	3.6%	3.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

SECTION 11: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS BY INCOME

*excludes Protective Services households

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Household Size	Approved Households	% of Total Households Last Month along Table (Down)	Average Household Monthly Income
0	0	0.0%	\$2,352
1	372	1.7%	\$45
2	6,074	28.4%	\$905
3	6,714	31.4%	\$1,136
4	4,974	23.2%	\$1,296
5	2,634	12.3%	\$1,388
6	1,204	5.6%	\$1,345
7 or More	950	4.4%	\$1,263
Total	21,411	100.0%	\$1,013

SECTION 12: CHILDREN SERVED AND AVERAGE PAYMENT PER CHILD BY FACILITY

		March 2025			February 2025			January 2025		
Provider Type	Provider Facility Type	Children Served	Payments	Average Payments per Child	Children Served	Payments	Average Payments per Child	Children Served	Payments	Average Payments per Child
Exempt	Exempt Program	532	\$267,108.53	\$502	576	\$314,005.87	\$545	474	\$247,522.09	\$522
	Six or Fewer	977	\$505,476.32	\$517	966	\$522,776.85	\$541	928	\$503,160.29	\$542
License Exempt	Religious Organization/ Nursery School	1,662	\$1,158,308.59	\$697	1,621	\$1,181,096.54	\$729	1,591	\$1,140,652.43	\$717
Licensed	Licensed Child Care Center	19,303	\$17,423,754.11	\$903	18,624	\$17,956,134.86	\$964	17,854	\$17,008,699.29	\$953
	Licensed Family Child Care Home	802	\$573,597.50	\$715	775	\$561,744.43	\$725	778	\$572,682.02	\$736
	Licensed Group Child Care Home	480	\$246,440.29	\$513	451	\$231,001.68	\$512	453	\$235,540.76	\$520
Total		23,678	\$20,174,685.34	\$852	22,951	\$20,766,760.23	\$905	22,020	\$19,708,256.88	\$895

SECTION 13: PAID AND CONTRACTED PROVIDERS

*Includes contracted providers and providers in the process of renewing their contract.

			March 2025	February 2025	January 2025
Paid Providers			1,741	1,693	1,699
Contracted Providers	Exempt	Exempt Program	186	186	185
		Six or Fewer	655	651	646
	Licensed	Licensed Child Care Center	1,310	1,307	1,300
		Licensed Family Child Care Home	233	231	230
		Licensed Group Child Care Home	64	63	61
	Licensed Exempt	Religious Organization/Nursery School	118	117	117
	Total		2,566	2,555	2,539

SECTION 14: CHILDREN RECEIVING OTHER STATE ASSISTANCE

	March 2025	February 2025	January 2025	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP)	1,971	1,881	1,634	4.8%	20.6%
Low Income Housing	2,038	1,876	1,696	8.6%	20.2%
Medicaid	13,950	13,106	11,592	6.4%	20.3%
Food Stamps (SNAP)	14,299	13,607	12,053	5.1%	18.6%
Temporary Assistance (TANF)	635	598	528	6.2%	20.3%
Total	17,044	16,159	14,340	5.5%	18.9%